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 TAGS: SHUM, PGOV, AR
 SUBJECT: ARMED FORCES SUPREME COURT DETAINS VIDELA

REFS: (A) BUENOS AIRES 5948, (B) BUENOS AIRES 5073

1. (U) ACCORDING TO AUGUST 2 PRESS REPORTS, THE ARMED FORCES SUPREME COURT ORDERED THE DETENTION LAST NIGHT OF GENERAL JORGE VIDELA, PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST PROCESS GOVERNMENT, AFTER VIDELA TESTIFIED FOR FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE COURT. THE COURT PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT VIDELA'S LEGAL SITUATION WOULD BE DECIDED WITHIN 24 HOURS. PRESS REPORTS SPECULATE THAT HE WILL BE

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PLACED UNDER PREVENTIVE ARREST AND CHARGED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY HIS GOVERNMENT

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IN ITS WAR AGAINST SUBVERSION.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: VIDELA IS THE LAST OF THE FOUR PROCESS PRESIDENTS TO BE DETAINED. IF HE IS CHARGED, HOWEVER, HE WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE FORMALLY ACCUSED BY THE ARMED FORCES SUPREME COURT FOR ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE PRESIDENT. (THE COURT PREVIOUSLY CHARGED THE LAST PROCESS PRESIDENT, REYNALDO BIGNONE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THREE CADETS FROM A MILITARY ACADEMY UNDER BIGNONE'S COMMAND IN 1976.) THE ACTION AGAINST VIDELA FOLLOWS RECENT CRITICISM OF THE COURT'S SLOW PACE, PROTESTS WHICH PERHAPS AFFECTED THE COURT'S DECISION TO MOVE AGAINST VIDELA NOW. IN ANY EVENT, THE COURT, FACED WITH AN OCTOBER DEADLINE FOR PASSING JUDGMENT ON NINE FORMER JUNTA MEMBERS, IS PICKING UP SPEED--VIDELA'S PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSOR, GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA, IS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY AND BE CHARGED NEXT WEEK. ORTIZ

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